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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9273**
Tokuo NAKATANI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2001_0914A
Serial No. 09/891,174 : Group Art Unit 2616
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AND METHOD

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

• Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Office Action dated December 15, 2005, the Examiner identified the application as containing claims directed to six distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes that claims 1 and 19 are generic.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect Species I, drawn to Figs. 6-9 for examination. Claims 1-8, 14-18, 19-26, 32 and 34 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

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Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected invention is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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